Increase and Decrease in the number of Documents registered.

264. **MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the increase in the total number of documents registered during 1102 and 1103 over that registered during 1100 and 1101; and

(*b*) the reason for the decrease in the receipts from the department during Chingam 1104 from those during the corresponding month in 1103?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 1,34,531.

(*b*) A statement† showing the monthly receipts of the Registration Department for the first six months of 1103 and 1104 is laid on the table. The receipts are seen to have been fluctuating and no particular reason can be assigned to this.

Destruction of copies of Documents and indexes in the Registration Department.

265. **MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the report prepared by Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai while he was the Director of Registration in respect of the destruction of copies of documents and their indexes?

(*b*) Is the practice in relation to matters contained therein during the present regime different from that advocated in the report above mentioned, and, if so, in what respects?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The report is confidential and as such it cannot be laid on the table.

(*b*) The Government vetoed the proposal advocated by Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai and ordered the destruction of records. This order is in force at present.

Exemption from passing the Departmental Examination of the Registration Department.

266. **MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of instances in the Registration Department of long service being made a ground for exemption from passing the departmental examination as is directed by the Government; and

(*b*) whether any such persons exempted have been appointed as Sub-Registrars since the institution of the examination, and, if so, the names of such persons?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. There is only one such instance and it was at the time of the reorganisation of the Department in 1098.

(*b*) The only person, who has been so exempted, has been appointed as a Sub-Registrar in 1099, since the institution of the examination, his name being V. Harihara Aiyar.

† *Vide* Appendix III—page 508.

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